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THE WORLD YOU LIVE IN

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Herald of Truth

M A G A Z I N E

A Monthly Report on Radio and Television Programs Produced by
Highland Church of Christ • Abilene, Texas

in appreciation

By W. F. Cawyer

Gratitude is something that fills our cups so often that, many times, we neglect to adequately express it to you. Through the years of our work with the Herald of Truth programs, literally thousands of Christians across this country and around the world have extended their hands of fellowship to us in this great effort.

Our prayers to our Heavenly Father constantly remember

you who have helped—many of you have helped over and over again, and some at great personal sacrifice.

This assistance has not only come in a financial way, but through other channels as well. Many of you have acted as personal envoys of the Highland congregation in contacting radio and television station managers in behalf of broadcasting the program free in your areas.

Many of you have encouraged your own congregations and other congregations in your areas to support the Herald of Truth regularly through their budget or through special contributions.

In a very special way has the group we call "key men" helped this past year. About 200 of these men attended a workshop on Herald of Truth opportunities last year, and since returning to their home areas across the land have done yeoman service in presenting the Herald of Truth story.

On September 8 this year an expanded workshop is being conducted, and many more key men are expected to attend. These men will be presented with the facts—all of the facts—and the necessary inspiration and vision to tell the Herald of Truth story.

Our whole point, of course, is to teach the soul-saving gospel of Christ—and we believe radio and television is still one of the best ways to do this. The help that has been given over the years by so many men and women is not only inspiring, but humbling as well. To Christ be all the glory.

(COVER PICTURE)

The picture on this month's cover is from the opening frame of a new Herald of Truth filmstrip entitled "The World You Live In," which may be secured from the elders of Highland Church of Christ for showings to individuals, groups or congregations. The filmstrip is powerful, authentic and oftentimes shocking. It depicts a world that most Christians do not know, but must save. It is truly "The World You Live In."

Bold New Concept Set for Program: World Saturation Within Five Years

World saturation with the gospel of Jesus Christ was presented as the realistic goal of a seven-phase plan revealed at the second Herald of Truth Workshop in Abilene, Tex., this month.

The world saturation program was presented by the elders of Highland Church of Christ. It calls for expansion of radio and television evangelism "to reach the largest possible audience in the shortest possible time over the greatest geographic area."

"In view of the exploding population, mass media must be used to communicate Christ," the elders said at the workshop, held Sept. 8, 9 in Abilene.

Approximately 250 special workers attended the workshop. They were introduced to the expansion plan for the purpose of informing congregations throughout the country on how they can use the Herald of Truth programs to spread the gospel in their area and around the world.

Announcement was made at the workshop of the selection of a full-time speaker for the Herald of Truth radio series. He is John Allen Chalk, of Cookeville, Tenn. The 28-year-old preacher has been associated with the program as a television speaker. (See related story, page 2.)

A key phase of the broad program includes use of the Herald of Truth program as "heavy artillery to soften up" areas where the church is weak or nonexistent.

Herald of Truth programs would be broadcast into specific

areas to prepare listeners for more personal teaching. Then, after a thorough local public information effort, a campaign for Christ would be conducted in the area, possibly using a Herald of Truth program speaker as the evangelist for the campaign.

Local announcements on the Herald of Truth broadcasts would also be used to promote the campaign.

Area congregations or those supporting mission work would sponsor the campaign and be responsible for continuing evangelism and follow-up work. Under the plan, Herald of Truth broadcasts coupled with an extensive campaign for Christ would be used to attract the attention of the area and provide a basis for strengthening the church in a mission field.

Adoption of a "World Saturation Budget" for the Herald of Truth by the elders of Highland was at the center of the expansion plan. The five-year budget

calls for expenditures of \$1,932,000 in 1966, increasing gradually to \$2,330,000 in 1969, the fifth year of the expanded program. The plan calls for total saturation by the end of 1969.

The comprehensive program of expansion contains a complete analysis of future plans and goals, history and present situation and the specific needs of the program to reach those goals.

A hard-hitting, realistic approach was used by the elders in preparing the plan, and both the budget and the proposed expansion are grounded in specific step-by-step progressions.

At last year's Herald of Truth workshop, plans were announced to saturate the English-speaking world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. However, the new expanded program calls for reaching the English-speaking world as only the first step in dissemination.

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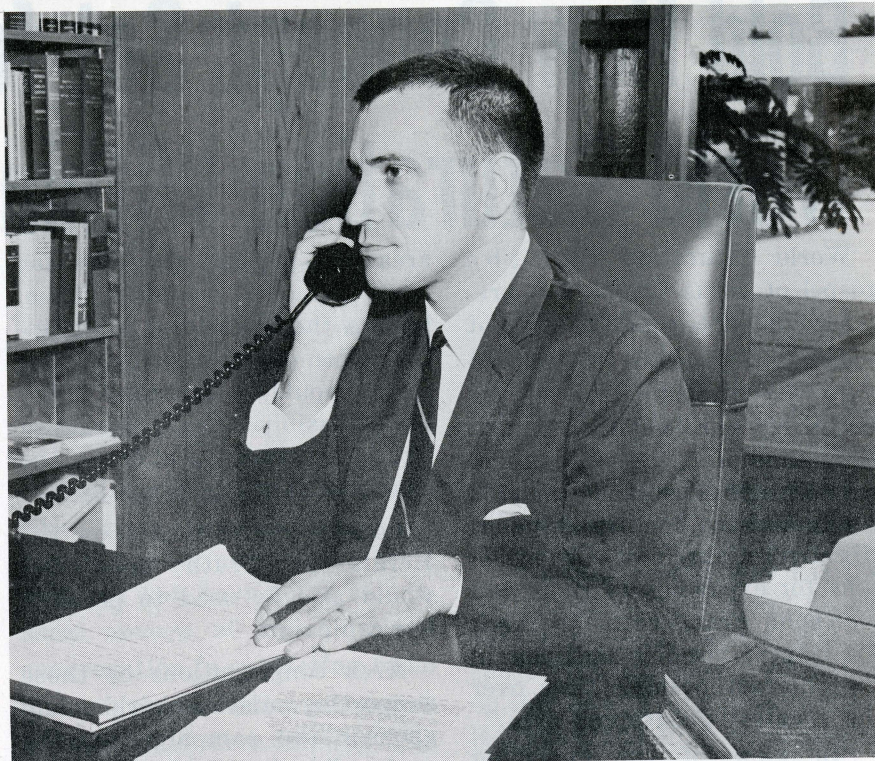
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September, 1965

JOHN ALLEN CHALK



Named First Full-time Radio Speaker

(EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the first in a series of articles that will introduce our readers to the speakers on Herald of Truth radio and television programs.)

John Allen Chalk, youthful minister of the Broad Street Church of Christ in Cookeville, Tenn., has been named the full-time speaker for the Herald of Truth radio programs, according to an announcement this month by the elders of Highland Church of Christ.

Mr. Chalk, a long-time radio speaker, will make his international radio debut in January, 1966. He will continue serving as minister for the Cookeville church until September, 1966 when he will move to Abilene.

Currently, Batsell Barrett Baxter, of Nashville, Tenn., and George W. Bailey, of Abilene, Tex., are alternating as radio speakers. They also work with the Herald of Truth television programs.

Mr. Chalk was featured speaker on a Herald of Truth television series on the life of

Christ that was filmed last fall.

"We consider John Allen Chalk one of the brilliant, dynamic and scholarly young men of today," the elders of the Highland Church of Christ in Abilene said.

Mr. Chalk, at 28, has been preaching more than half of his life. He has conducted 65 evangelistic campaigns in nine states and three Canadian provinces, during which more than 950 responses were made.

"We are sincerely grateful to the elders of the Broad Street Church of Christ for releasing John Allen for this important work," the elders of Highland said. "We know the value of his work there, and that they released him at great sacrifice."

Voted Cookeville's Young Man of the Year in 1963, and nominated for Outstanding Young Man of Tennessee last year,

Mr. Chalk is listed in "Outstanding Young Men of America."

He has been preaching for the Broad Street Church of Christ since 1960. During that time, the 90-year-old congregation grew from 375 members to 500 and from \$400 per week in contributions to \$1,800.

The congregation has just moved into a \$350,000 church building on a 14-acre site in one phase of an \$800,000 expansion plan. The elders of Broad Street have adopted a 50-year development program and are currently emphasizing becoming "a missions church, a praying church, a soul-winning church."

For the past five and one-half years, Mr. Chalk had a daily 15-minute radio program on station WHUB in Cookeville. He began his radio work in 1956 in Dayton, Ohio, where he had

a weekly half-hour program on WONE while preaching for the Northridge Church of Christ in Dayton.

A native of Lexington, Tenn., Mr. Chalk began preaching at 15 and drove his 1934 Ford to his preaching appointments while in high school.

His college career began at Freed-Hardeman College, a Tennessee junior college operated by members of churches of Christ. At Freed-Hardeman, he was president of the freshman class and the "most popular boy." He was awarded the Associate in Arts degree in Bible in June, 1956.

During the summer of 1956, he preached at Prince George, British Columbia, Canada. That fall he began preaching full time for the Northridge Church in Dayton—at 19 years of age.

Northridge Church of Christ had 90 members then. When John Allen Chalk left in 1960, the congregation had 250 members, \$600 per week contribution and a new \$150,000 building.

While working full time in a growing church, Mr. Chalk also attended Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, and the University of Dayton.

He completed his bachelor's degree in history at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville and will soon be awarded the master's degree in history by the college. He has also attended Harding College's Graduate School of Religion and was awarded a McGarvey Fellowship by Abilene Christian College for study in Contemporary Religious Thought and Church History in the summer of 1963.

In addition to his ministerial duties with the Broad Street Church, he has taught American history at Tennessee Tech and

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Special Workers Gather From Across the Nation

More than 250 special workers from across the nation met Sept. 8, 9 in Abilene, Tex., to hear about the new program of world-wide evangelism through Herald of Truth television and radio broadcasts.

The special workers, most of them sent to Abilene by their home congregations, volunteer their time and efforts to explain

the Herald of Truth program and assist in raising funds to support the international Herald of Truth efforts.

"Much of the recent growth in Herald of Truth evangelism is due to the success of the special workers," said the elders of the Highland Church of Christ in Abilene, producers of the programs.

"More than \$200,000 has been raised this year directly through their work. Contributions for 1965 are expected to exceed \$1,000,000 for the first time in the history of Herald of Truth," they said.

"The world saturation budget goal of \$2,000,000 per year, to be reached by 1969, will ultimately depend on these men. Their dedication to Christian responsibility has and will pave the way for millions around the world to hear about Christ."

Last year, four men from Kentucky announced receipt of commitments totaling \$16,000 for the coming year just two days after the close of the workshop.

Among the outstanding church leaders participating on the program of the Herald of Truth Workshop were: William S. Banowsky, LeMoine Lewis, Ed Rockey, William J. Teague, Bob Scott, Stanley Shipp, Dwain Evans, Jimmy Allen and Herald of Truth speakers Batsell Barrett Baxter, John Allen Chalk and Robert W. Holton.

A group of 38 special workers from California chartered a bus and made the long journey to Texas together. Five from San Diego, 23 from Los Angeles and ten from the surrounding area left California Labor Day, Sept. 6, and arrived in Abilene Tuesday evening.

Paul E. Harper, minister of West Los Angeles Church of Christ, and M. B. (Buck) Walker of the Huntington Park Church spearheaded the drive. Benjamin J. Franklin made the San Diego arrangements.

1951 Decision to Produce Program Was "Staggering, Unforgettable"

Herald of Truth radio and television programs, now being broadcast on 643 stations throughout the United States and in 14 foreign countries, have come a long way from the first nation-wide radio broadcast Feb. 10, 1952.

Today, color programming and experimentation in radio broadcasting are being considered. A full-time speaker for radio programs has been introduced (see related story, page 2); a new television series is being filmed and preparations made for filming another series in 1966.

This progress has been made in just shortly over a decade. The first radio program was recorded Feb. 3, 1952, in the Abilene, Tex., Municipal Auditorium and broadcast the next Sunday over 31 stations of the ABC radio network.

Herald of Truth broadcasts actually began, however, in the late forties as a regional radio program in the Middle West. It was begun by two young preachers—James W. Nichols, then of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and James D. Willeford, who lived in Madison, Wisc.—who discovered that the program not only won wide acceptance but definitely aided church growth.

In 1951, network radio time was offered to the Herald of Truth if sufficient funds could be raised. Mr. Nichols resigned as local evangelist in Cedar Rapids and returned to his home town, Abilene, hoping to interest a congregation there in taking the network offer.

Abilene's Highland Church of Christ, in September, 1951, undertook the responsibility of producing the programs. The decision was "staggering and unforgettable," according to the elders.

In the ensuing years, stations were added; some were

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Infant Baptism

Radio Sermon No. 710

ABC and MBS Networks

September 5, 1965

By George W. Bailey

Many people today believe in infant baptism, but just the mere fact that many people believe in it is not sufficient ground for our accepting such a teaching. What does the Bible say about it? Can such a teaching be found in the Word of God? If there is authority for it in the New Testament, then we ought not only to submit to it, but also to encourage all others to do likewise. On the other hand, if there is no authority in God's Word for this practice, then we ought to speak against it.

Before Jesus left the disciples, He gave them this assurance, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come" (John 16:13). Through the revelation of God's Word this promise has been fulfilled; for the Bible says, "... holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (II Peter 1:21). If the Holy Spirit guided these men into all truth, then we can look to their inspired writings for every truth we need in fulfilling God's will. The apostle Peter

assures us that God "... hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness ..." (II Peter 1:3). We can rest assured then that we have every divine truth God intended for us to have. Said Paul, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (II Timothy 3:16, 17).

If infant baptism is according to the will of God, then it must be found somewhere in the truth God revealed to us. On the other hand, if there is no example or instruction in God's Word regarding infant baptism, then it must not be a part of the doctrine of Christ. Paul told Timothy to "... charge some that they teach no other doctrine" (I Timothy 1:3). To Titus he said, "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine" (Titus 2:1). The

apostle Peter gave this admonition, "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God ..." (I Peter 4:11). How sober is this divine warning, "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son" (II John 9).

What does the Holy Spirit say about infant baptism? Didn't the Lord say that the Holy Spirit would guide the apostles into all truth? Where in the apostles' writings is infant baptism authorized? Is infant baptism a part of the doctrine of Christ, or would it be classed as some "other doctrine" which Timothy was to charge men not to teach? Does this teaching "become sound doctrine"? Is it included in the "oracles of God"? If not, then we must reject it and charge all others to reject it! Let's turn to the New Testament and examine all of the evidence there found and see



if infant baptism is something God wants us to practice.

SOME QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED

1. Where in all the Bible has God ever commanded parents to bring their infants to be baptized?

2. Do you ever read in the Bible of a "sponsor of baptism" for an infant?

3. Does God command infant baptism? If so, where?

4. Is a person active or passive in obeying God's commandments? What about the infant? Is he active or passive when he is baptized in infancy? How can the infant have submitted to God's will to be baptized, when in his case it is done without the will of that child?

5. Do you ever read in the New Testament of the baptism of an infant? Or, do you ever read of a baby's being sprinkled?

6. If so, who baptized the baby, and whose baby was it? Where was it done? When was it done? How was it done? And why was it done?

Let him who believes in and practices infant baptism answer these questions for us. While these questions are being pondered, let us examine further the divine record to see if we can find any trace of the practice of infant baptism.

WHAT ABOUT MATTHEW 19:13-15?

This is a passage that is often used as a basis for the practice of infant baptism. Let's read the passage together and then examine it closely. "Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, Suffer little children,

and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. And he laid his hands on them and departed thence."

Why were these little children brought to Jesus? They were brought to Jesus neither for baptism nor for salvation. The Bible says they were brought "that he should put his hands on them, and pray." Nothing whatsoever is said about baptism. To say they were brought to Jesus to be baptized is to read something into the passage that is not there. How could anyone use this passage as a proof-text for infant baptism?

But what did Jesus mean when He said, "For of such is the kingdom of heaven"? Some take this to mean that the kingdom of heaven is composed of little children, and since it is by baptism that we come into the kingdom of heaven, then these little children must have been baptized. Did Jesus say that the kingdom of heaven is composed of little children? He did not say, "of these," but He said, "of such" is the kingdom of heaven. There is a difference both in the Greek and in the English. The Greek expression which is here translated "of such" means "of such as resemble, or are like" little children. The kingdom of heaven is composed of those who resemble little children. This is borne out in Matthew 18:3 which reads, "... Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." The passage under consideration does not teach infant membership nor infant baptism.

DOES BAPTISM TAKE THE PLACE OF CIRCUMCISION?

Some contend that baptism replaces circumcision under the

old law; and since infants were circumcised under the law, now infants are to be baptized under the law of Christ. In the first place, where in the scriptures is baptism said to replace circumcision? Can you mention a single passage that says this? In the second place, only the male children were circumcised under the law of Moses, so does this mean that only the male infants are to be baptized now? If not, why not? What authority is there for baptizing any other than male infants, if baptism takes the place of circumcision? In the third place, let me point out that Jesus was both circumcised (Luke 2:21), and baptized (Luke 3:21, 23). So were many others, but why both, if one takes the place of the other? And, incidentally, why was Jesus not baptized as an infant? The Bible says He was about thirty years old when He was baptized (Luke 3:21, 23). If infant baptism is according to the teachings of God, you would think that Jesus would have been baptized as an infant, thus setting an example for others. But such is not the case. Why?

In the next place, wasn't circumcision essential under the law of Moses? Is baptism essential? I know of nothing under the Mosiac regime to which more importance was attached than circumcision. Of all things, circumcision was most essential! Isn't it strange that many today contend for infant baptism, because they believe it replaces circumcision, and yet do not believe that baptism is really essential? Isn't this inconsistent?

WHAT ABOUT 1 CORINTHIANS 10:1, 2?

Here is the reading of that passage, "Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be

ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea." Were there not infants among the Israelite families who were all "baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea"? If so, should not infants today likewise be baptized? In the first place, let it be pointed out that all those who were baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea had been in bondage in Egypt. Today, all who are in bondage to sin must be baptized, but the question is are infants in bondage to sin? Let's see. The Bible says, "... Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin" (John 8:34). Who is in bondage to sin? Those who are the servants of sin. Who is a servant of sin? This passage says, "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin." But what is sin? The scripture says, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). The scripture also says, "All unrighteousness is sin" (1 John 5:17). Would anyone say that infants in their infancy transgress the law of God? Would anyone say they are unrighteous? If not, how then could they be guilty of sin? One might answer that at birth an infant inherits the guilt of sin, but how could this be? How could one be guilty of an act he had nothing at all to do with?

Some think that Psalms 5:15 teaches that children are born with the guilt of inherent sin resting upon them. In that passage David said, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me." But who was in sin when David was conceived? David, or his mother? How could David be in

sin at the moment of his conception when sin is an act that is done? Sin is a transgression of God's law, and how could David at conception transgress the law of God? David was conceived in a world of sin, but surely nobody would say that David was himself in any way transgressing God's law when he was conceived. Such is unthinkable!

Let me ask of those who believe that children are born in sin— does inherent sin come from man's flesh or his spirit? If it comes from his flesh, then Jesus was born with inherent sin. He was made of a woman (Galatians 4:4). From His mother He received His flesh, and if inherent sin is at birth passed through the flesh from mother to child, then Jesus was born in sin. On the other hand, if inherent sin comes from man's spirit, this would make God a sinner. The Bible says He is the Father of spirits (Hebrews 12:9), and it is God who gave us our spirits (Ecclesiastes 12:7). Does God at birth give men a depraved spirit, or a spirit laden with the guilt of sin? Again I say such is unthinkable!

The Bible does not teach that children are born in sin. To the contrary, the Lord said, "of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3). If children are born in sin, why would the Lord hold them up as our examples? My friends, there is no greater example of purity and innocence anywhere to be found than that of a babe! For that reason there is no need for an infant to be baptized!

CASES OF CONVERSION EXAMINED

There are ten different cases of conversion recorded in the

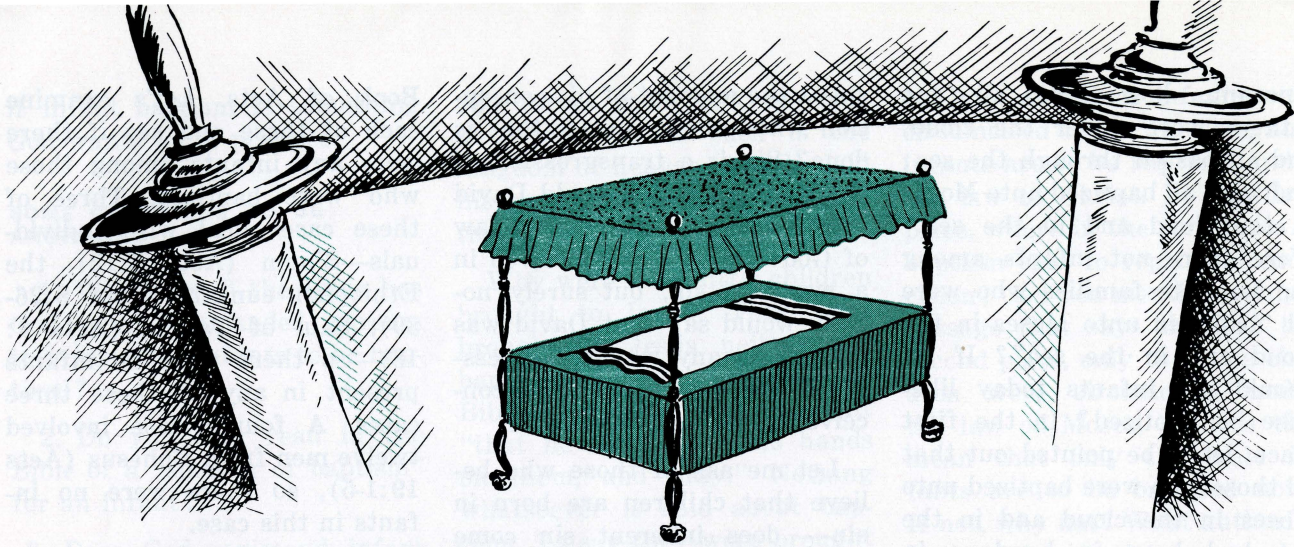
Book of Acts. Let's examine each of these and see if there were any infants among those who were baptized. Three of these cases deal with individuals—Simon (Acts 8:12), the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:26-39), Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:18)—so there were no infants present in any of these three cases. A fourth case involved twelve men from Ephesus (Acts 19:1-5), so there were no infants in this case.

Let us take a look then at each of the remaining six cases of conversion. On the day of Pentecost people were told to "... Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins ..." The record tells us, "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized ..." "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:38-42). Are infants capable of repenting, gladly receiving the word, continuing stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayers? If not, how could anyone say that infants were among those baptized on the day of Pentecost?

In Acts 8:12 it is said, "But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women." Both men and women were baptized on this occasion, but no mention is made of infants. The ones baptized were those who believed what Philip preached. This would certainly exclude infants from this case.

In Acts 18:8 we read, "... and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized."

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A Bed Too Short and Cover Too Narrow

Radio Sermon No. 711

ABC and MBS Networks

September 12, 1965

By George W. Bailey

Listen to this very descriptive language from the pen of Isaiah the prophet: "For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it: and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it" (Isaiah 28:20). What a picture of inadequacy! A bed too short, and cover too narrow! Can you feature a man's relaxing and making himself comfortable with a bed and cover like that? Such a bed and cover are not adequate to meet the man's needs. Doesn't this describe many a man's predicament in life? How many times has one sought rest on some bed that was just too short, and how many have looked for comfort in some cover that was just too narrow?

THIS WAS TRUE OF SOLOMON

Here was a man who was frantically searching for peace

and happiness, but he was looking in the wrong place. He seemed to think that peace and happiness could be found in the things of this world. The world held quite an attraction for him. He looked everywhere under the sun, trying first one thing and then another. His thought was if he could only gratify all of his selfish desires, he would find the peace and happiness that he longed for. In every such search that he made, he found that the bed was too short and the cover was too narrow! These things were just not adequate to meet the needs of the soul. It takes more than **things** to make a man happy!

Notice some of the many things Solomon tried. Turn with me to the 2nd chapter of Ecclesiastes, and let's observe this man's line of reasoning: the beds on which he tried to find rest, the cover in which he sought comfort and then notice the outcome of it all. "I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and behold,

this also is vanity. I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life. I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards: I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all kind of fruits: I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees: I got me servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me: I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I got me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, as musical instruments, and that of all sorts. So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with

me. And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my labour. Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun."

What was the outcome of it all? Solomon said, "... behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun"! In all of this the bed was too short and the cover was too narrow! They would not do to rely on! They did not provide the peace and comfort he was looking for!

After trying just about everything the world has to offer, Solomon put all of these things together, added them up, and the sum total of all that he got was a zero. What a lesson he had learned! After sharing with us the benefit of his experiences, here is the admonition he gives, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecclesiastes 12:13). In other words, Solomon is telling us that worldly desires and gratification of the flesh are like a bed that is just too short and cover that is too narrow. In these things rest cannot be found for the soul nor comfort for the heart. They are inadequate to meet man's inner needs.

We must remember that man not only has a body, but he has a soul as well. Your soul is just as much a part of you as is your body. Before there can be peace and happiness, the whole man must be dealt with. If any one part of man's make-up is

slighted or neglected, it begins to rebel and an inner conflict results. Frustration arises and one's peace of mind is destroyed. It is this wholeness that makes for holiness. No man is holy before the Lord until he is wholly given to the Lord!

Listen to the words of Isaiah the prophet, "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? And your labour for that which satisfieth not? Harken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness" (Isaiah 55:2). We must not only be concerned with the body, we must also be concerned with the soul. As Jesus said, "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you" (John 6:27). On another occasion Jesus had declared, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). He did not say, "Man shall not live by bread," but He said, "Man shall not live by bread alone." There is more to life than just physical existence. Bread can satisfy the body, but it cannot satisfy the soul. Bread alone is just as inadequate as a bed that is too short and cover that is too narrow.

THIS IS ALSO TRUE OF RICHES

Mention is made in Matthew 13:22 of "the deceitfulness of riches." Riches are deceitful, for thousands have been deceived thereby. Money isn't everything, but many think it will do everything. In this they are deceived.

How are riches deceitful? They are deceitful in that they do not fully satisfy. The Bible says, "He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver;

nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity" (Ecclesiastes 5:10). Riches are deceitful in that they do not make a man happy. Some of the most miserable people on earth are those who have great wealth. Riches are deceitful in that they are limited. They can buy medicine, but they cannot buy health. They can provide a comfortable house, but they cannot provide a comforting home. Riches can supply food, but cannot supply an appetite. They can insure in case of death, but cannot insure against death. There are many things riches cannot do. The prophet of old said, "... their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the Lord ..." (Ezekiel 7:19).

Riches are deceitful in that they are uncertain. "Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not?" asked Solomon. "for riches certainly make themselves wings: they fly away as an eagle toward heaven" (Proverbs 23:5). For that reason the Lord said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal" (Matthew 6:19, 20). How right Jesus was when He spoke of "the deceitfulness of riches"!

The Bible says, "But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith,

and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (I Timothy 6:9, 10). Men who are rich have a tendency to trust in their riches. Some have made a god of money, but all those who have so done have "pierced themselves through with many sorrows." For that reason Paul said, "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy" (I Timothy 6:17).

Those who trust in riches trust in that which is uncertain. As the psalmist warned, "... if riches increase, set not your heart upon them" (Psalms 62:10). It just won't do to trust in riches, for riches are deceitful, uncertain, and too limited. In other words, this bed is too short, and this cover is too narrow.

THE SAME IS TRUE OF WORLDLY GLORY

Some put a high premium on worldly glory and honor. To them the praise of men is of great value. This was characteristic of some in Jesus' day, of whom it was said, "Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God" (John 12:42, 43).

This was also true of Pilate of whom it was said, "And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified" (Mark 15:15). Pilate believed in his own heart that Jesus should be set free, but "willing to content the people"

he delivered Jesus to be crucified. He was more interested in pleasing the people than in pleasing God. This is characteristic of so many people. They put great stock in what men think. Those who are thus-minded should seriously consider these words of the Lord, "... for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God" (Luke 16:15).

Here was an observation that the apostle Paul made, "... for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ" (Galatians 1:10). Later on in the same book he gave this admonition, "Let us not be desirous of vain glory..." (Galatians 5:26). There is a glory that is vain, shallow, empty and meaningless. To the contrary, the Lord said, "But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord" (II Corinthians 10:17).

The story is told of a great musician who once played before a vast audience. He had never received such an ovation, but he noticed one man in the audience who did not applaud. He went backstage and wept bitterly. In an effort to comfort him one said to him, "Sir, how is it that you have let one man's failure to applaud bring you to tears?" His reply was, "That one man who failed to applaud was my teacher, and I would rather have the applause of my teacher than the applause of the whole world." My friends, if I should gain the applause of the whole world, and lose the applause of my Master Teacher in heaven, then I have failed miserably! The praise of men means very little, but the praise of God means everything! In the final analysis, the praise of men will prove to be a bed too short and cover too narrow.

THIS IS LIKEWISE TRUE OF HUMAN REASONING

The Bible says, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12). Human reasoning is limited and often faulty. That which seems right to you might not always prove to be right. Jeremiah the prophet put it this way, "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (Jeremiah 10:23). God has declared, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:8, 9).

Human reasoning has often led people to deviate from the Lord's way. As God said, "For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water" (Jeremiah 2:13). The apostle Paul tells us that our faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but rather in the power of God (I Corinthians 2:5). Yet, there are those who do let their faith stand in the wisdom of men. God once said to His people, "... O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths" (Isaiah 3:12). For that reason the scripture says, "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes" (Psalms 118:8, 9).

It just won't do to trust human reasoning too far. Man thinks with a finite mind, but God thinks with an infinite mind. We could be wrong in

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Don't Be A Fool

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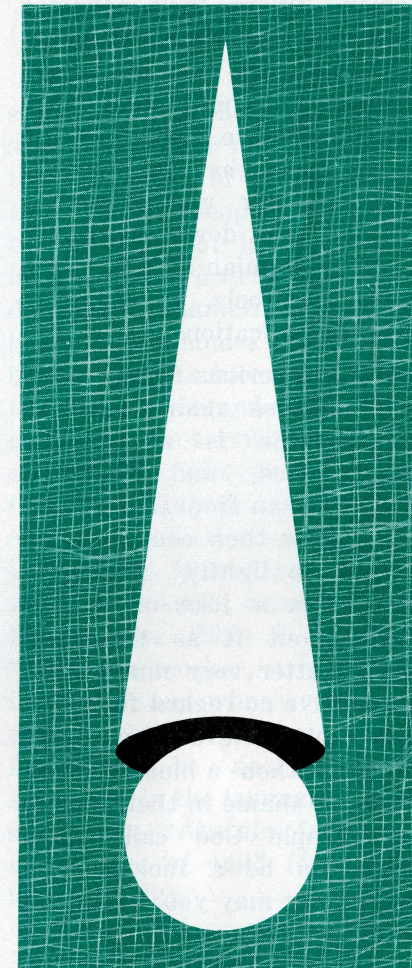
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In Matthew 5:22 we read, "Whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire." The word "fool" has different meanings. In this passage it is a term of contempt, and Jesus tells us never to use it in that sense when referring to someone else. He who so does shall be in danger of hell fire! But the word "fool" is not always used as a term of contempt. Many times in the Bible people are called fools. It is in this sense that the word is used in our lesson today.

One who is deficient in judgment, unwise, or acts foolishly is a fool. A fool is the opposite of one who is wise. Oh, what fools we are at times in this respect, for we act so unwisely! No one likes to be classified as a fool, or even thought of as a fool, but how much more serious it is for God to class him as a fool! It would be most profitable to go through the Bible and make a note of all those whom the Lord calls fools. In doing so one should keep in mind that God never makes a mistake in His evaluation. In fact, God's evaluation is not always our evaluation. The scripture says, "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. And again, the Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain" (I Corinthians 3:19,



20). Those whom we think to be wise may in reality be fools in the eyes of God. Let's take a look at some of those whom the Lord called fools.

THOSE WHO WON'T LISTEN TO ADVICE

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction" (Proverbs 1:7). "Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words" (Proverbs 23:9). Solomon tells us that fools hate knowledge (Proverbs 1:

22). Furthermore, "a fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent" (Proverbs 15:5).

Who is a fool in God's sight? The man who just won't listen to advice. Such a man thinks he knows it all. "A fool hath no delight in understanding..." (Proverbs 18:2). "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise" (Proverbs 12:15). "He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool..." (Proverbs 28:26). The man who despises wisdom and instruction, and pays no attention to his father's advice; but rather trusts in his own heart, and is right in his own eyes, the Bible calls a fool. Don't you be a fool in this respect!

THOSE WHO PAY NO ATTENTION TO WARNINGS

The Bible says, "A wise man feareth and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth and is confident" (Proverbs 14:16). There are those who just won't pay any attention to warning, and the Bible calls such people fools. "A prudent man foreseeeth the evil and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished" (Proverbs 22:3). Instead of proceeding with great caution when some danger signal is sounded, the foolish ones plunge headlong; but the Bible says they are punished for so doing.

There are many warnings given us in the Bible, and these warnings must be heeded. How foolish to pass on and pay no attention to them! Don't you be a fool in this respect.

THOSE WHO PERSIST IN EVIL

It isn't easy to correct this kind of a fool, for the Bible says, "... it is abomination to fools to depart from evil" (Proverbs 13:19). "It is as sport to a fool to do mischief..." (Proverbs 10:23). "As a dog returneth to his vomit so a fool returneth to his folly" (Proverbs 26:11). "The heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness" (Proverbs 12:33). "A fool layeth open his folly" (Proverbs 13:16). How foolish it is for one to persist in that which he knows is not right! Don't you be a fool in this respect.

THOSE WHO BELIEVE EVERYTHING THEY HEAR

Solomon said, "The simple believeth every word; but the prudent man looketh well to his going" (Proverbs 14:15). How foolish for a man to believe everything he hears, yet this is characteristic of thousands. Some believe everything they hear in religion, but the Lord said, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets have gone out into the world" (I John 4:1). Jesus said, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves" (Matthew 7:15). How wise the people of Berea were of whom it was said, "... they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11). It would be foolish not to do so, for the Lord said, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good" (I Thessalonians 5:21). Don't you be a fool in that you believe every thing you hear, but rather weigh all things in light of the scriptures; and hold only to those things for which you have a thus-saith-the-Lord.

THOSE WHO MAKE A MOCK OF SIN

The Bible tells us, "Fools make a mock at sin..." (Proverbs 14:9). There are those who can sin without remorse or blush. Jeremiah the prophet spoke of such people after this fashion, "Were they ashamed when they committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore shall they fall among them that fall: in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, saith the Lord" (Jeremiah 8:12). Such people are fools, according to God's classification.

Sin is a serious thing, for it is an offense against the Almighty! Sin is a rebellion against God, and therefore separates man from God (Isaiah 59:2). How then could one regard it so lightly? But some even make a joke of it, and laugh about it as though it didn't matter very much. Such people have no regard for right. They can act sinfully and speak sinfully without a blush on their cheeks or shame in their hearts. Such people God calls fools. Don't you be a fool in that respect, but may you realize the awfulness of anything that brings reproach upon God.

THOSE WHO ARE CONTENTIOUS AND GET MAD EASILY

Listen to what the scriptures say along this line. "A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes" (Proverbs 18:6). "He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly..." (Proverbs 14:7). "Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools" (Ecclesiastes 7:9). "A fool's wrath is presently known..." (Proverbs 12:16). "He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth

folly" (Proverbs 14:29). "A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool's wrath is heavier than them both" (Proverbs 27:3). This is what the Bible says about those who are contentious and get mad easily. Don't you be a fool in this respect!

THOSE WHO TALK TOO MUCH

The Bible tells us, "A fool is full of words..." (Ecclesiastes 10:14). "The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself" (Ecclesiastes 10:12). "In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise" (Proverbs 10:19). "... the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness" (Proverbs 15:14).

My friends, we are not dealing with some man's classification, but with God's. I'm simply letting God Himself tell who fools are. Throughout the Bible, and especially in the writings of Solomon, fools are described for us. It behooves us therefore to take special note of all that is said, lest we be found among those foolish ones.

The Bible says, "A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul" (Proverbs 18:7). Furthermore, "excellent speech becometh not a fool" (Proverbs 17:7). "The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright, but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness" (Proverbs 15:2). "... a fool's voice is known by multitude of words" (Ecclesiastes 55:3). "A fool uttereth all his mind; but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards" (Proverbs 29:11). "He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him" (Proverbs 18:13).

There are so many passages in the Bible dealing with our speech that time would not per-

mit a reference to all of them, but this phase of our lesson would not be complete without referring to the language of our Lord in Matthew 12:35-37: "A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned"! In other words, heaven is keeping a record of every word that we speak, and some day we shall have to give an account of the same. How sobering it is! How careful we ought to be in every word that is uttered! In this respect don't be among those whom God calls fools.

THOSE WHO ARE DECEIVED BY STRONG DRINK

Hear this warning from the Lord, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Proverbs 20:1). Those who are not wise are fools; and what fools people are who are deceived by strong drink! "At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder" (Proverbs 23:32). Is a serpent's bite dangerous? Then so is strong drink! Is the sting of an adder to be shunned? Then so is strong drink! How foolish it would be for one to deal with serpents and adders, but how much more foolish it would be for one to deal with strong drink!

I don't know the author of the following lines, but they so well describe the result of strong drink. The place where strong drink is sold is sometimes called a BAR. How true that is!

A bar to heaven, a door to hell;
Whoever named it, named it well;
A bar to manliness and wealth;

A door to want and broken health.
A bar to honor, pride and fame;
A door to grief and sin and shame.
A bar to home and a bar to prayer;
A door to darkness and despair.
A bar to honored, useful life;
A door to brawling, senseless strife.
A bar to all that's true and brave;
A door to every drunkard's grave.
A bar to joys that home imparts;
A door to tears and aching hearts.
A bar to heaven, a door to hell:
Whoever named it, named it well.

We have but to check the statistics throughout our nation, as well as other nations, to see the evil effect of strong drink. How foolish people act under the influence of it: lives have been lost; property has been destroyed; shameful acts have been done; homes have been broken; hearts have been made to ache; and on and on we could go telling the terrible results of strong drink. Nobody starts out to be an alcoholic, but do you realize that statistics show that a shocking percentage of all social drinkers become alcoholics? The Bible is right; "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise"! Please don't be a fool in this respect, but in the language of the scriptures, "Abstain from all appearance of evil" (I Thessalonians 5:22).

THOSE WHO SAY IN THEIR HEART THERE IS NO GOD

"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God..." (Psalms 14:1). According to the Bible, only a fool would dare say there is no God. Let such foolish ones tell us how the world came into existence, and where life came from, and how the regulation of the universe is accounted for, and what keeps all of the elements of nature in place, and the thousand and one things those who do not believe in God have never been able to answer. It would be just as plausible to believe that Webster's Unabridged Dictionary re-

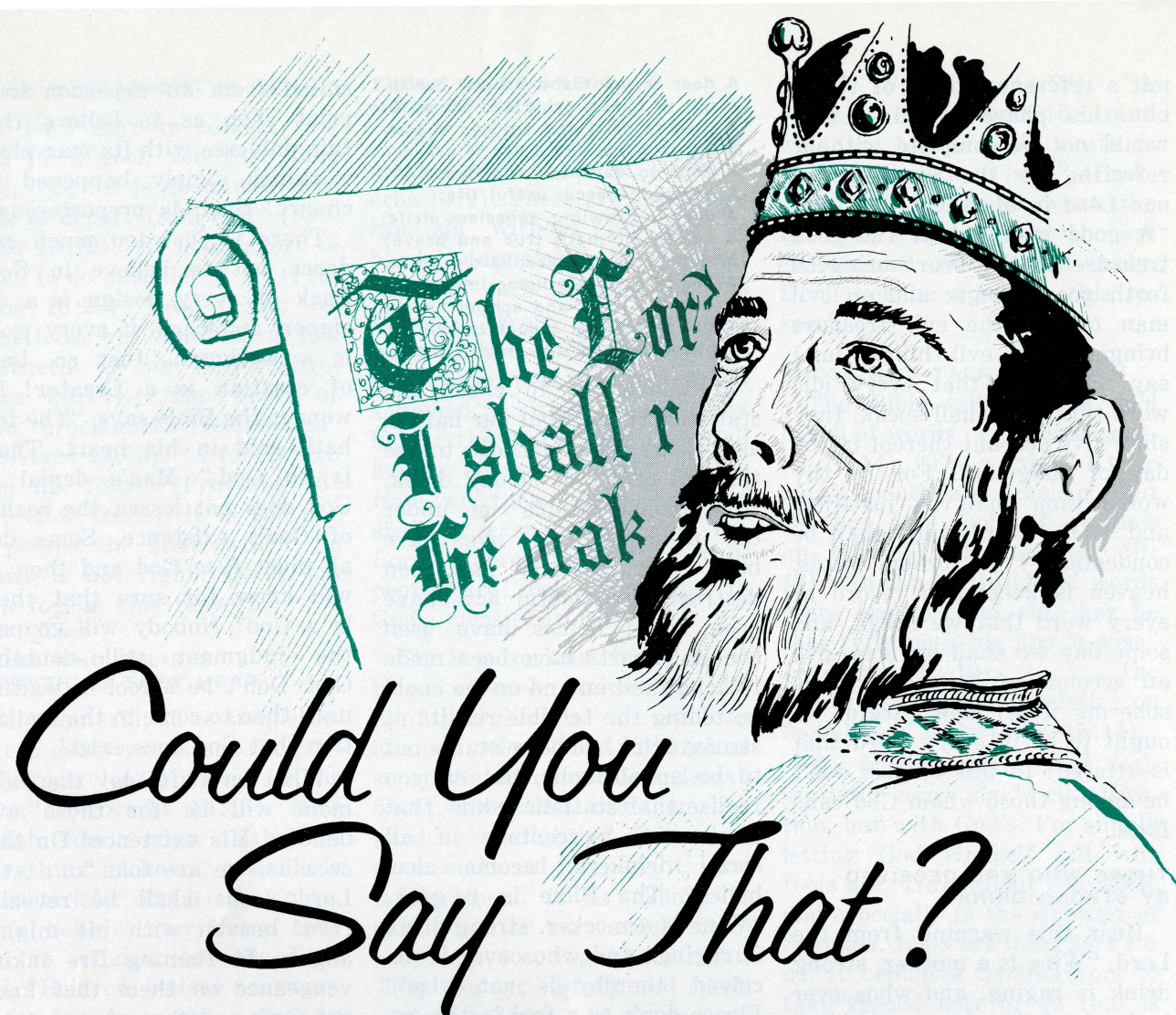
sulted from an explosion in a print shop as to believe that this universe with its marvelous workings simply happened by chance! Such is preposterous!

There is just too much evidence not to believe in God! Back of every design is a designer, and back of every work is a workman. Just so, back of creation is a Creator! No wonder the Bible says, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." Man's denial of God does not lessen the reality of God's existence. Some day all must face God and then all will know for sure that there is a God! Nobody will go past the judgment still doubting God. Don't be a fool in waiting until then to come to the realization that God does exist!

What an awful day the judgment will be for those who doubted His existence! On that occasion we are told "... the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power" (II Thessalonians 1:7-9). May I beg of you to study the Bible, which reveals God, that you might come to believe in God. "But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6). That being the case, how foolish to reject the evidence of the Almighty's existence!

THOSE WHO FAIL TO MAKE ADEQUATE PREPARATION ARE FOOLS

In one of the Lord's parables He tells us of five who were
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Have you ever heard somebody make a great statement, and then have this question asked of you, "Could you say that"? That's what I would like to do in our lesson today. Let me place before you some great statements of conviction made by men whom God regarded highly, and then let me ask this question of you, "Could you say that?" After all, why did the Holy Spirit record such convictions if not for our own consideration and benefit? Didn't God intend for us to profit from what these men have said?

What did Paul mean when he said, "For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us . . ."? (II Thessalonians 3:7). In what sense are we to follow men like Paul? In this sense, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ" (I Corinthians 11:1). We are not to follow Paul instead of Christ, but follow Paul as he followed Christ. In Philippians 3:17 Paul said, "Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample." God has chosen such men as Paul to serve as our examples to show us how to live.

For that reason the Holy Spirit admonished, "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto

you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation" (Hebrews 13:7). Whose faith are we to follow, and whom are we to imitate? Not just anybody, but those who have spoken unto us the Word of God. These are no doubt the ones referred to by Peter when he said, "... holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (II Peter 1:21). Now if we have these men for our examples, and we are asked to imitate their holy lives, whose faith the Bible tells us to follow; then the question is, can we say what they said? Are their convictions our convictions? If not, are we really imitating their example as we should? If we are truly following in the footsteps of

these holy men, then we ought to be able to say what they said with reference to their faith, loyalty and devotion to God. For instance,

COULD YOU SAY WHAT JESUS SAID?

I'd like to begin with the first recorded utterance of Jesus. That first recorded utterance is found in Luke 2:49. Jesus was twelve years of age at the time. Joseph and Mary had taken Him to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. The record says, "And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and His mother knew not of it." When they discovered that He was not in their company they went back to Jerusalem looking for Him. "And it came to pass, that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions." His mother said unto Him, "... Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? Behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing." Jesus' reply was, "How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

At an early age Jesus said that He must be about His Father's business. Could you say that? To Him God's work came first. Does it come first with you? How familiar are you with the Father's business? Just how interested are you in that work? How much time do you devote to it? Are you imitating Christ in the interest He had in the work of the Father?

Here is how Christ evaluated the work of the Father: "... My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work" (John 4:34). In other words, Jesus said, "God's will is like food to me, and my whole

aim in life is to finish His work." Could you say that? Jesus did finish the work that God gave Him to do. He declared, "I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do" (John 17:4). Could you say that you have glorified God on earth by finishing the work which God gave you to do? This was Jesus' chief mission. "... I do always those things that please him," said He (John 8:29). Could you say that you do always those things that please God?

What about your attitude in prayer? When Jesus prayed for the cup to pass from Him, He said, "... nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt" (Matthew 26:39). Is that your sincere sentiment? When you pray do you really want God's will to be done, or do you want your own will to be done? Could you say what our Lord said, and say it in the manner in which He said it?

COULD YOU SAY WHAT PAUL SAID?

Listen to these words, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation unto everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16). Could you say that you are not ashamed of the gospel of Christ? Many people are ashamed of it, and they hesitate to bring up the subject before their friends; but this was certainly not true in Paul's case. Jesus once declared, "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels" (Mark 8:38).

Instead of being ashamed of the gospel Paul counted it a

thrill to make it known to others. He believed the gospel was the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believed, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. He was willing to stake his life upon it. Notice these words, "For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (II Timothy 1:12). Could you say that? Do you really know Whom you have believed, and are you fully persuaded that He is able to keep that which you have committed unto Him against that day? What an example of faith Paul is to us!

Not only did Paul believe the gospel and was not ashamed of it, but to the Philippians he said, "... I am set for the defense of the gospel" (Philippians 1:17). Could you truthfully say that you are set to defend the gospel? Are you set to defend it against every foe? To defend it, you must first know it! Do you know it, and are you upholding it both by life and by lip?

Another statement of Paul is in Philippians 1:20: "... that in nothing shall I be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death." In the next verse he declared, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Let me ask if you could say that. Are you showing all boldness in your defense of the gospel, and is Christ always being magnified in your body? What does life mean to you? Could you say, "For me to live is Christ," and could you say, "to die is gain"? Is Christ your all and in all as suggested in Colossians 3:11?

Is your whole life centered around Him?

What did Paul mean by the statement, "For me to live is Christ"? Doesn't he explain it in Galatians 2:20? "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." "I am crucified with Christ"! "Nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me"! Paul said in essence, "For me to live is for Christ to live all over again, for I am but reproducing in my life the life He lived." Could you say that? This is what life really meant to Paul. This explains some of the other things he said. Listen to them.

"And herein do I exercise myself to have always a conscience void of offense toward God, and toward men" (Acts 24:16). Why? "For me to live is Christ." When Christ lives in a man, he will exercise himself always to have a conscience void of offense both toward God and man! Is that what you are striving to do? Paul was trying to the best of his ability to reproduce a Christ-life. Are you?

Listen to Paul's words as he approached the end of his life: "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: but not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (II Timothy 4:6-8). What conviction this man had! How devoted he was to Christ! How Christ-centered his life was! Why? Because he

had given himself so completely to the Lord!

Are you following the faith of men like that? Have you considered the end of their conversation as Hebrews 13:7 asks that you do? Are you imitating Paul as he imitated Christ? Could you say that you are now ready to be offered, and that you have fought a good fight, finished the course, and kept the faith? Do you have the assurance Paul had that would enable you to say, "There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day"? What great examples the Lord has set before us!

COULD YOU SAY WHAT DAVID SAID?

Perhaps one of the most familiar and most commonly quoted of all passages in the Bible is the 23rd Psalm. How beautiful and meaningful is this Psalm! May you not only commit it to memory, but commit it to life. Here is how it begins. "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Could you say that? David did not say, "The Lord is a shepherd." Anybody could say that. He did not say, "The Lord is the shepherd." Many people could say that. But David said, "The Lord is my shepherd." He made use of the personal possessive pronoun, "my." The Lord can be a shepherd, or the shepherd, but is He your shepherd? To say that He is "my shepherd" makes all the difference in the world!

Have you made the Lord your shepherd? For Him to be your shepherd, you must be His sheep. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27). How do we know whether or not we are the Lord's sheep? Simply this. His sheep hear His voice, and He recognizes them

as His, and they follow Him. Those who do not hear the Lord's voice He will not recognize as His sheep. No one can claim to be the Lord's sheep unless he is following Him.

I believe David had every right to refer to the Lord as "my shepherd," because he heard the Shepherd's voice, and ever sought to follow Him; and the Shepherd therefore recognized him as one of His sheep. Would the Lord recognize you as His sheep? The Bible says, "... The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity" (II Timothy 2:19). Whom does the Lord recognize as His? Those who hear His voice; who depart from iniquity; and follow the Lord! "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." May each of you so live in accordance with His word that you can truthfully say that.

Another statement of David's that is worthy of note is in Psalms 119:59: "I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies." Could you say that? Too many are thinking on the ways of others instead of on their own ways. David said, "I thought on my ways." As the result, he turned his feet unto the testimonies of the Lord! I believe there would be more turning of our feet unto the testimonies of the Lord, if we would do more thinking on our ways. The scripture says, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:8, 9). But before we can genuinely and penitently confess our sins, we must first spend some time prayerfully thinking on our

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John Allen Chalk . . .

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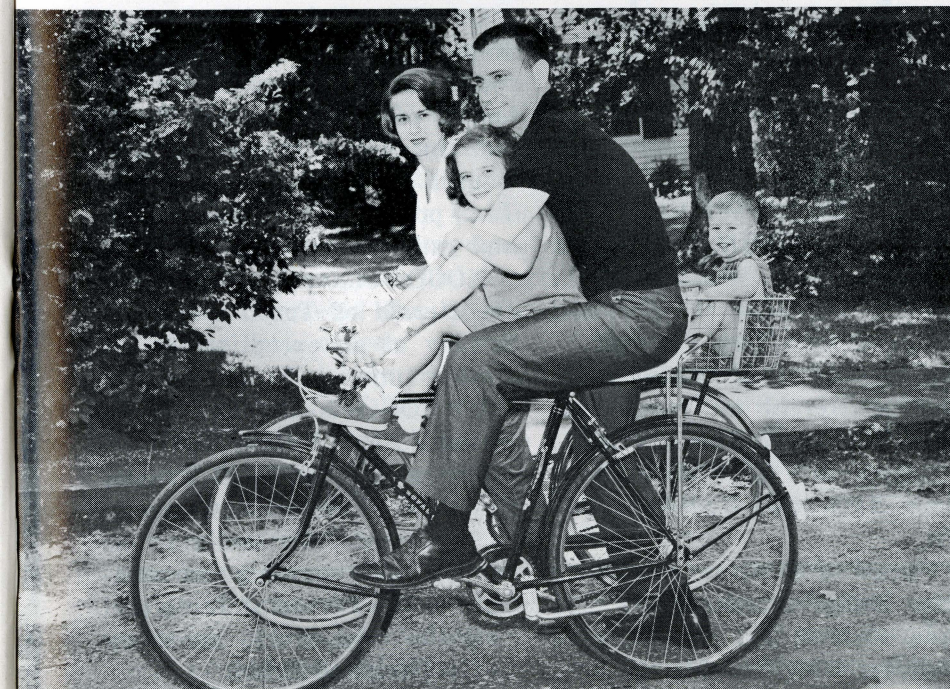
is sponsor of the Church of Christ Student Group.

Mr. Chalk is the author of a book, "The Praying Christ and Other Sermons," published in 1964. He has also written two popular tracts, "What If Christ Had Come Yesterday" and "The Church of Christ—What Is It?". He is staff writer or contributor for numerous religious journals.

He has been a featured speaker at annual lectureships of most of the colleges supported by members of churches of Christ.

Named by the Queens Church of Christ in Flushing, N.Y., to a steering committee that designed the \$1 million exhibit of churches of Christ in the Protestant Pavilion at the New York World's Fair, he also served on the five-man Publications Committee for the World's Fair exhibit.

Mr. Chalk married the former Sue Traugher, of Springfield, Tenn., in 1957. They have two children, Mary Elizabeth, 5, and John Allen Jr., nearly 2.



Spanish Program

RECEIVES FIRST LETTER OF INQUIRY

The first Herald of Truth broadcast in a foreign language, which began June 3 in Spanish over Radio Luxembourg, is getting results.

Only ten days after the first program, Modesto Fernandez, a Spaniard working in Finken-berg, Germany, wrote:

"I have just learned of your mission; and I think it is one of the greatest and most sublime, for Christ said to teach those who do not know. I think there will be many who will achieve a better knowledge of our religion through the lessons you are giving.

"I picked up the broadcast Friday, and it had already begun. You were talking about

Paul and the New Testament. Then you ended by saying that if anyone wanted to increase his knowledge of the New Testament or Christianity, he should write.

"I would like to find out if one can arrange some interviews concerning things that are obscure, at least to my limited understanding."

Response to the radio broadcasts are answered personally by Juan Monroy, speaker for the Spanish language Herald of Truth.

Each person who writes receives a New Testament with the answering letter.

Response to the Herald of Truth broadcast over Radio Luxembourg should be substantial as the program continues, according to Mr. Monroy. Radio Luxembourg covers not only Spain but most of Europe as well, where there are large numbers of Spanish-speaking people.

Mr. Monroy had a radio program broadcast from Tangier, Morocco, for five years, from 1955 to 1960, and about 200 responses were received each week.

Broadcasts in Spanish over Radio Luxembourg are the first foreign language broadcasts of Herald of Truth. The addition of these programs brings Christians one step closer to going "into all the world."

First Herald of Truth Award Goes to San Diego Station



14 New Stations Added in August

WIHS-TV, a Catholic television station in Boston, Mass., began broadcasting the Herald of Truth on Aug. 8. The one million watt station is telecasting the program on sustaining (free) time each Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

WIHS-TV is operated by the Catholic Television Center in Boston.

Fourteen television and radio stations in 13 states began broadcasting the Herald of Truth in August.

Ten television stations had added the program through Sept. 1: KALB, Alexandria, La.;

WIHS, Boston, Mass.; WFIE, Evansville, Ind.; WFMY, Greensboro, N.C.; KBLL, Helena, Mont.; WATE, Knoxville, Tenn.; KARK, Little Rock, Ark.; KTVM, Medford, Ore.; KGVO, Missoula, Mont.; and KOSA, Odessa, Tex.

The four radio stations beginning Herald of Truth are: KGIW, Alamosa, Colo.; WXRA, Alexandria, Va.; WMRR, Marshall, Mich.; and WSRA, Milton, Fla.

Herald of Truth programs are now being broadcast by 515 radio stations and 128 television stations, a total of 643 stations.

KOGO television station in San Diego, Calif., has been awarded the first Herald of Truth Appreciation Plaque for outstanding service to the cause of religious broadcasting.

Buck Ormsby, program director for KOGO-TV, was presented the plaque at a banquet July 13 in the Lemon Grove Church of Christ building in San Diego. Seventy-six representatives from 12 San Diego area congregations attended the dinner.

Ormsby received the award from Ben J. Franklin, minister for the Lemon Grove Church, on behalf of the Herald of Truth and the elders of the Highland Church of Christ in Abilene, Tex., producers of the television and radio programs.

KOGO, Channel 10, telecasts the Herald of Truth free each Sunday at an exceptionally desirable time. A Time-Life station, KOGO is the San Diego affiliate for N.B.C.

The award to KOGO-TV was the first of several awards to be presented television stations for their outstanding contributions to the Herald of Truth and religious telecasting, according to the Highland elders.

Sermons Result In 3 Baptisms

News of two baptisms in Florida and another in Seattle, Wash., due to the influence of Herald of Truth broadcasts were reported on the same day recently.

The two incidents, 3,000 miles apart and completely unrelated, emphasize the far-reaching effects of the radio and television efforts, the Highland elders said.

In the fall of 1964, a lady in Plantation, Fla., happened to hear the Herald of Truth radio program.

She sent for the sermon, and members of Andrews Avenue Church of Christ in Plantation contacted her. After attending worship services and a series of discussions, she and her husband were baptized Aug. 4.

In Seattle, a lady came to the Central Church of Christ building requesting baptism. Neither the minister, Virgil Jackson, nor any member of the congregation had been in contact with her.

She had been listening to the Herald of Truth radio programs for the past year and had successfully completed the correspondence Bible course.

That day, the lady confessed Jesus Christ as the Son of God and was baptized into Him. She is now an active member of the Central congregation in Seattle.

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1951 Decision . . .

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dropped; but the program has continued without interruption.

In the summer of 1953, it was realized that television was becoming an effective and economical means of broadcast. With the offer of the old Dumont network to carry Herald of Truth broadcasts, churches of Christ responded enthusiastically; and in early 1954, Herald of Truth went on 25 stations of the Dumont network.

Twenty-six films, featuring Mr. Willeford and Mr. Nichols, were produced for use on television.

E. R. Harper was selected as the third regular speaker in October, 1954, when Mr. Nichols became editor of the Christian Chronicle.

Two years after the program went on television, the second series of Herald of Truth films were made. These were films of actual church worship services photographed in various American cities.

Radio stations on the Mutual Broadcasting System began Herald of Truth programs in 1959, in addition to ABC and scores of independent stations.

The first semi-dramatic television series for Herald of Truth was begun in 1960, with Batsell Barrett Baxter of Nashville, Tenn., a powerful, enthusiastic and dedicated preacher and educator. Fifty-two films were produced for the series.

That fall Mr. Willeford left the program to become minister of the Riverside Church of Christ in Fort Worth, Tex., and Mr. Baxter filled the vacancy on radio while continuing his television work.

At the turn of the decade, two more important television series were filmed. One was the "Living Christianity" series of docu-

mented, true-life stories of conversion and Christian development. The other was a discussion panel, in which important Bible topics were explained by Bible scholars of the church.

Robert W. Holton, who had portrayed Christ in several outstanding religious films, was selected as announcer and coordinator of the programs. He also became radio announcer and produced five-minute and 15-minute radio programs for public service broadcasts.

In 1963, E. R. Harper, at his own request, left the radio broadcast to devote full time to directing the follow-up correspondence with Herald of Truth listeners.

George W. Bailey, dynamic minister for the College Church of Christ in Abilene, was chosen to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Harper and to alternate with Mr. Baxter as radio speaker. The alternating arrangement will continue until John Allen Chalk assumes the radio work in January, 1966.

A new television series, filmed in 1963, explored "The Way of Salvation," "The Christian Home" and "The Young Christian" in five films each, with Mr. Baxter speaking. George Bailey was featured in the 12 expository programs that rounded out the series.

A new program format was used in the "God has spoken" series filmed in early 1964. Robert Holton, using recent photographs of the Holy Lands and dramatic backgrounds, gives readings from great themes of the Scriptures.

Currently two states do not have the program within their borders, either on radio or television. Seven states do not have telecasts.

This year, for the first time in the history of the program, foreign language broadcasts be-

gan. The radio broadcasts, in Spanish, can be heard over Radio Luxembourg which goes throughout Spain and into parts of Central Europe.

This major step toward world evangelization was made possible by the efforts of special workers, and dedicated Christians and individual congregations throughout the world. History was made when the program went into Spain. It will be repeated many times over as the program helps missionaries to take new nations for Christ.

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nating the truth on a global scale.

"This study of radio and television evangelism after 13 years of experience will not be characterized by little or limited ideas," the elders said in presenting the program. "If we fail as producers of the Herald of Truth radio and television series to meet the need, we betray the trust of our brethren and God Himself."

The seven phases of the program outlined philosophy, objectives, programming, organization, staffing, facilities and financing.

A new concept in broadcast evangelism among churches of Christ, the expansion program is probably the largest and most thorough plan yet presented in the 20th Century.

That the plan is feasible is attested by the success of other religious groups and world-wide businesses. The program is sound and possible to attain in this age with the dedicated help of special workers who will spread the story and the congregations and individual Christians who will assist in the effort. Congregations and individual Christians throughout

the world will be called on to continue and increase their support so that in this decade, for only the second time in history, the gospel may be preached to the entire world.

The seven-phase expanded program of evangelism for the Herald of Truth as outlined by the elders of Highland is basically as follows:

I. PHILOSOPHY—GOALS

"We must reach the largest possible audience in the shortest possible time over the greatest geographic area. Our goal is to break down walls of prejudice toward Christ, His Word and the Church. We will serve as heavy artillery in preparing the minds of people for more personal teaching, search out, guide and assist truth seekers, and exert a positive influence for the restoration of New Testament Christianity and for unity of all religious people.

"Our purpose is to wield an influence for morality and to provide teaching resources for Christian workers throughout the world."

II. OBJECTIVES

"It is our objective to select strategically located stations to accomplish world saturation with the truth. We must prepare and deliver soul-searching sermons that not only edify but motivate the listening audience to respond.

"Our objective is to constantly hold the plea for restoration and unity before the world. We must dispel erroneous ideas about the church and emphasize the common brotherhood of Christ and the common cause for which we work.

"We will conduct effective and extensive follow-up teaching and encouragement work with those whose friendship has been won through the program.

"Our objective is to assist and

motivate other congregations in using broadcast media as a vital part of their local and mission program."

III. PROGRAM

"Intensive surveys will be conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of each broadcast facility used. Effectiveness of material, speakers, program format, music selection and quality, sound effects and visual effects and the overall impact of the program will be regularly researched.

"Gift offers will be developed to motivate audience response and to further teach the correspondent. Answering procedures will be speeded up and continuing contact will be kept with inquirers."

IV. ORGANIZATION

Human resources to attain and maintain complete follow-through teaching of those who respond to the program will be added. Local congregations can effectively use the Herald of Truth broadcasts in their communities when requested.

V. & VI. STAFFING AND FACILITIES

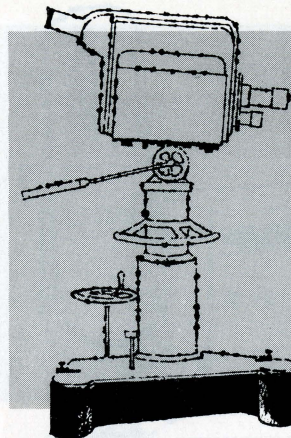
Staffing and facilities relate directly to duties of Highland elders and members and the use of facilities in Abilene.

VII. FINANCING

The final World Saturation Budget, to be reached by 1969, totals \$2,239,250.

Of that total, \$2,043,150 is for programming and related costs, including \$1,131,000 for broadcasting and telecasting time, \$474,200 for radio and television production, \$177,500 for answer response, \$104,500 for listener promotion and development, \$100,450 for general and administrative and \$55,500 for contingency and equipment. Support solicitation is budgeted

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STATIONS CARRYING TELEVISION PROGRAMS

Herald of Truth

This is not 100% correct due to frequent changes. Check your local newspaper or television station for times not listed.

All times are Sunday unless otherwise indicated.

City	Station	Ch.	Time	City	Station	Ch.	Time	City	Station	Ch.	Time
ALABAMA				KENTUCKY				NORTH DAKOTA			
Birmingham	WBRC	6	5:10 a.m. (Wed.)	Bowling Green	WLTW	13	4:00 p.m.	Bismarck	KFYR	5	9:30 a.m.
Decatur	WMSL	23	1:30 p.m.	Louisville	WAVE	3	10:30 a.m.	Fargo	KTHI	11	12:30 p.m.
Dothan	WTVY-TV	4	9:00 a.m.	LOUISIANA				Minot	KMOT	10	9:30 a.m.
Florence	WOWL-TV	15	10:00 a.m.	Alexandria	KALB	5	10:30 a.m.	Williston	KUMV	8	10:30 a.m.
Montgomery	WKAB	32	1:00 p.m.	New Orleans	WVUE	13	11:00 a.m. (Every 3rd Sunday)	OHIO			
Selma	WSLA	8	1:30 p.m.	Shreveport	KSLA	12	11:15 p.m.	Columbus	WTVN	6	8:00 a.m.
ALASKA				MARYLAND				Dayton	WKEF		12:00 (Noon)
Juneau	KINY	8	1:30 p.m.	Baltimore	WJZ-TV	13	2:45 a.m. (Sat.)	OREGON			
Sitka	KSA		4:30 p.m.	Salisbury	WBOC-TV	16	1:30 p.m. (2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays)	Coos Bay	KCBY	11	10:00 a.m.
ARIZONA				MASSACHUSETTS				Eugene	KVAL	13	10:00 a.m.
Tucson	KOLD-TV	13	9:30 a.m.	Boston	WIHS	38	11:30 a.m.	Medford	KTVM	5	8:00 a.m.
Yuma	KBLU		7:30 a.m.	MICHIGAN				Portland	KGW	8	7:00 a.m.
ARKANSAS				Bay City	WNEM	5	9:30 a.m.	Roseburg	KPIC	4	10:00 a.m.
Fort Smith	KFSA	5	9:30 a.m.	Detroit	CKLW	9	11:00 a.m.	PENNSYLVANIA			
Jonesboro	KAIT		2:30 p.m.	Flint	WNEM	5	9:30 a.m.	Johnstown	WARD	56	3:30 p.m. (Is heard daily Monday through Friday)
Little Rock	KARK	4	10:30 a.m.	Jackson	WILX	10	11:00 a.m.	SOUTH DAKOTA			
CALIFORNIA				Saginaw	WNEM	5	9:30 a.m.	Mitchell	KORN-TV	5	11:00 a.m.
Bakersfield	KBAK	29	2:30 p.m.	MISSISSIPPI				Sioux Falls	KSOO	13	7:30 a.m.
Chico	KHSL	12	8:30 a.m.	Biloxi	WLOX	13	12:00 (Noon)	TENNESSEE			
Eureka	KVIQ	6	10:00 a.m.	Columbus	WCBI	4	8:30 a.m.	Chattanooga	WRCB	3	9:00 a.m.
Fresno	KJEO	47	12:30 p.m.	Greenwood	WABG	6	3:30 p.m.	Johnson City	WJHL	11	11:00 a.m.
Los Angeles	KTLA	5	8:30 a.m.	Jackson	WJTV	12	10:00 a.m.	Knoxville	WATE	6	10:30 a.m.
Redding	KRCR	7	10:00 a.m.	Tupelo	WTWV	9	2:00 p.m.	Knoxville	WTVK	26	2:00 p.m. (Wed.)
San Diego	KOGO	10	9:00 a.m.	MISSOURI				Memphis	WHBQ	13	9:30 a.m.
San Francisco	KGO	7	8:30 a.m. (Every 4th Sunday)	Cape Girardeau	KFVS	12	8:30 a.m.	Nashville	WSM-TV	4	11:30 a.m.
San Luis Obispo	KSBY-TV	6	10:00 a.m.	Jefferson City	KRCG	13	2:00 p.m.	TEXAS			
Santa Maria	KCOY	12	11:30 a.m.	Sedalia	KMOS-TV	6	2:00 p.m.	Abilene	KPAR	12	10:15 a.m.
COLORADO				St. Louis	KPLR	11	10:30 a.m.	Amarillo	KVII	7	8:00 a.m.
Grand Junction	KREX	5	10:00 a.m.	Springfield	KYTV	3	8:30 a.m.	Bryan-College Station	KBTX	3	11:00 a.m.
Montrose	KREY-TV	10	10:00 a.m.	MONTANA				Corpus Christi	KIII	3	9:00 a.m.
Sterling	KTVS-TV	3	3:30 p.m.	Billings	KOOK-TV		9:00 a.m.	Corpus Christi	KRIS	6	9:30 a.m.
CONNECTICUT				Helena	KBLL	12	9:00 a.m.	El Paso	KELP	13	2:30 p.m.
Hartford	WHCT	18	2:00 p.m.	Missoula	KGVO	13		Odessa	KOSA	7	10:30 a.m.
FLORIDA				NEBRASKA				Port Arthur	KPAC	4	
Fort Myers	WINK	11	10:30 a.m.	Albion	KHQL	8	1:30 p.m.	Sherman	KXII	12	5:00 p.m. (See local paper (Sat.))
Orlando	WFTV	9	1:00 p.m.	Hayes Center	KHPL	6	1:30 p.m.	VERMONT			
St. Petersburg	WSUN	38		Kearney	KHOL	13	1:30 p.m.	Burlington	WCAX	3	9:30 a.m. (Sun.)
IDAHO				North Platte	KNOP	2	12:30 p.m.	VIRGINIA			
Idaho Falls	KID	3	2:00 p.m.	Oberlin-McCook	KOMC	8	10:30 a.m.	Lynchburg	WLVA	13	3:00 p.m.
ILLINOIS				Omaha	KMTV	3	8:30 a.m.	Portsmouth	WAVY	10	9:30 a.m.
Champaign	WCIA	3	10:30 a.m.	Scotts Bluff	KSTF-TV	10	3:30 p.m.	Richmond, Petersburg	KXEX	8	9:30 a.m.
Harrisburg	WSIL	3	1:30 p.m.	NEVADA				WASHINGTON			
Rockford	WTVO	39	8:30 a.m.	Las Vegas	KORK	2	8:30 a.m.	Tacoma	KTVW-TV	13	3:00 p.m.
INDIANA				NEW MEXICO				Washington	WOOK	14	8:30 p.m.
Elkhart	WSJV-TV	16	8:45 a.m. (Mon.)	Albuquerque	KOAT	4	8:00 a.m.	WEST VIRGINIA			
Fr. Wayne	WKJG-TV	33	10:00 a.m.	Carlsbad	KAVE	6	10:00 a.m.	Bluefield	WHIS		7:00 a.m.
Terre Haute	WTHI	10	8:30 a.m.	NEW YORK				Huntington	WHTN	13	9:00 a.m. (Sat.)
IOWA				Albany	WAST	13	7:30 a.m. (Wed.)	Oak Hill	WOAY-TV	4	12:00 a.m. Sun. (re-run)
Ottumwa	KTVO	3	7:00 a.m.	Binghamton	WINR	40	12:00 p.m.	WYOMING			
KANSAS				Buffalo	WKBW	7	9:00 a.m.	Cheyenne	KFBC-TV	5	3:30 p.m.
Copeland	KUPK-TV		9:00 a.m.	Syracuse	WNYS	9	10:30 a.m.	FOREIGN			
Dodge City	KTVG	6	10:30 a.m.	Utica	WKTV	2	9:00 a.m.	Ponce, Puerto Rico	WSUR		2:30 p.m.
Garden City	KGLD	11	10:30 a.m.	NORTH CAROLINA				Barrie, Ont., Canada	CKVR	3	12:30 p.m.
Great Bend	KCKT	2	10:30 a.m.	Asheville	WISE		7:00 p.m. (Sat.)	Huntsville, Ont., Canada	CKVR	8	12:30 p.m.
Wichita	KARD	3	10:30 a.m.	Charlotte	WCCB-TV	3	1:00 p.m.	North Bay, Ont., Canada	CKCH		1:00 p.m.
Oberlin-McCook	KOMC	8	10:30 a.m.	Greensboro	WFMY	2	6:00 a.m. (Friday)	Parry Sound, Ont., Canada	CKVR	11	12:30 p.m.
				New Bern	WNBE-TV	12	10:00 a.m.	San Juan, Puerto Rico	WTSJ		4:00 p.m.
								Swift Current, Sask., Canada	CJFB		1:00 p.m. (Sun.)

Infant Baptism . . .

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Are infants capable of doing this? Who then would say infants were among those baptized in this case?

In Acts 10:44-48 we find another case of conversion. After Peter had preached his sermon to these people, "And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord . . ." Are infants capable of hearing, believing and carrying out such a command?

What about the case of Lydia and her household? (Acts 16:14, 15). Did Lydia have infants in her household? The Bible doesn't say that she did, and to say so would be mere speculation. One would have to assume that Lydia was married; that she had children; and that there was an infant among them; but why assume so much when there is no indication in the scripture concerning it? We dare not go beyond what is written!

In Acts 16:25-34 is recorded the conversion of the Philippian jailer and his household. No mention whatsoever is made of any infants' being baptized. It is said that when the jailer " . . . was baptized, he and all his, straightway," he " . . . rejoiced, believing in God with all his house." Are infants capable of doing this? If not, how could one say that infants were among those baptized on this occasion?

There isn't any known case of conversion in all of the New Testament in which we find infants being baptized. Why is this? Simply because infants are not lost in sin, and therefore are not to be baptized for the remission of sins! But when they grow old enough to reason between right and wrong, to

read, study, and understand the will of the Lord; then they must believe in the Lord, repent of their sins and be baptized for the remission of their sins.

It might be that many of you were baptized as infants. If so, may I plead with you not to risk your salvation upon that for which there is no authority in the scriptures. The Bible tells us there is one baptism (Ephesians 4:5). There is only one baptism that will be acceptable unto the Lord, and that baptism must be preceded by faith and repentance and an understanding of the purpose and design of baptism. Don't take a chance with your soul! Make sure that your baptism is according to the Word of the Lord!

A Bed Too Short . . .

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our reasoning. For that reason we are told, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil" (Proverbs 3:5-7). Human reasoning is often found to be like that bed that was too short and that cover that was too narrow.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR OWN SITUATION?

When the prophet spoke of a bed that was too short and cover that was too narrow, he gave a perfect picture of inadequacy. A bed is for one to stretch himself upon and cover is for one to warm himself with. But if the bed is shorter than a man can stretch himself upon, and the covering narrower than he can wrap himself in, such will not adequately meet that

man's needs. It cannot provide true peace, comfort and satisfaction.

How many times have you relied on some bed that was too short and tried to find comfort in some cover that was too narrow? Is your concept of God like that? Could this be said of your faith? Is this true of your knowledge of God? And your vision? And your interests? If your concept of God, your faith in God, your knowledge of God, and the hope you have do not give you something to hold on to in life and something to look forward to in death, they are too limited to meet your needs!

What about the preparation you have made for eternity? Is it adequate, or is it like that bed that was too short and the cover that was too narrow? What was the difference between the five wise virgins and the five foolish virgins in the parable Jesus told? The real difference was in the amount of preparation that was made. The five foolish virgins just didn't make enough preparation. Isn't this true of so many people?

The Lord said, "Give diligence to make your calling and election sure" (I Peter 1:10). Have you made your calling and election sure, or will you be found wanting in the day of judgment? We are told, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). Not only must one believe and be baptized, but he must also repent and be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). One must likewise be "stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord . . ." (I Corinthians 15:58).

Beloved, in all things be sure that you are not relying on a bed that is too short and cover that is too narrow!

Could You Say . . .

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ways. The prodigal son would never have "come to himself," made an about face, resolved within his heart to arise and go back to his father and make this confession, "I have sinned against heaven and before thee," had he not done some serious thinking on his own ways.

After Peter had denied his Lord, he would never have gone out and wept bitterly, had he not done some thinking on his own ways. The people on that day of Pentecost would not have been pricked in their hearts to cry out, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" had they not been made to think on their own ways. "For godly sorrow worketh repentance . . ." (II Corinthians 7:10). Could there be such godly sorrow until one seriously and soberly thinks on his own ways? May each of us do and be able to say what David did: "I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies."

COULD YOU SAY WHAT NEHEMIAH SAID?

When Nehemiah's work for the Lord was challenged and questioned, his reply was, " . . . I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down" (Nehemiah 6:3). This man knew what constituted a great work, and he very willingly participated in that great work; and to him this work of the Lord had priority over everything else. He refused to come down! Could you say what he said?

The Bible says, "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved" (Matthew 24:13). " . . . be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). " . . . be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (I Co-

rinthians 15:58). "And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Galatians 6:9). Don't ever let anyone or anything cause you to give up or deviate from that which you know to be right!

COULD YOU SAY WHAT PETER SAID?

Jesus one time asked His disciples whom men said that He the Son of man was. Various answers were given; and then Jesus said unto them, " . . . But whom say ye that I am?" It was Peter who answered, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). On another occasion it was Peter again who declared, "And we believe and are sure that thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (John 6:69). Could you say that? Are you convinced that He is the Christ, the Son of the living God? Jesus said, " . . . for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24). The Holy scriptures have been written to convince us that Jesus is the Christ. Everything depends upon our faith in Him! May we say with Peter, "We believe and are sure" that He is the Son of the living God.

It is not enough just to believe in Christ; we must follow Him. This means we must repent of our sins (Luke 13:5); confess Him before men (Matthew 10:32, 33); be baptized into Christ, thus putting on Christ (Galatians 3:27); and then seek to reproduce in our own lives the life Christ lived! Only then can you say what holy men of old have said. May you let their convictions be your convictions; so I ask you in closing this question, "Could you say what they said?"

Don't Be a . . .

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wise and five who were foolish. Those who did not make ade-

quate preparation the Lord called foolish. Are you wise or foolish in this respect? To make adequate preparation one must not only believe in Christ, but he must also repent of his sins and turn to Christ. He must confess Christ before men, and be buried and raised with Christ in Baptism for the remission of sins. He must put on Christ, but it is in baptism that he so does (Galatians 3:27). To make adequate preparation one must " . . . seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness . . ." (Matthew 6:33). Adequate preparation has not been made until one has given himself completely to the Lord, and is faithful and diligent in his service to the Lord. Don't you be a fool in a failure to prepare adequately for eternity. Time is running out, and you have no time to lose. " . . . behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (II Corinthians 6:2). May I plead with you to be wise as God counts wisdom and not be in any sense classed as a fool!

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"The research, analysis, planning and scheduling have been done, but this is only the beginning," the elders of the Highland congregation said. "The real test of faith, courage, vision and determination can only be determined by execution of the new plan.

"Is it worth it? Its cost cannot be valued in dollars, or energy, or time—but in souls."